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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of : Bentzien, J et al. ) Art Unit: 1626  
U.S. Appln. No. : 10/632,888 ) Examiner: Stockton, L.L.  
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Title of Invention : Substituted Benzimidazole Compounds  
Attny. Docket No.: 9/254

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 11/17/2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.


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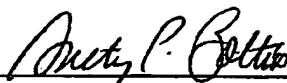
Grier (US 4,011,236) teaches benzimidazole compounds shown to be useful as UV absorbing materials. None of the compounds, generically or specifically disclose substitution on the benzimidazole benzo ring.

I view of the foregoing withdrawal of the obviousness rejection over the present claims is proper and respectfully requested.

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